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Mr. Rick Farrel  
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US EPA, Office of the Administrator  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Ferrel:

The Port of Houston Authority is interested in working with the EPA in a new and innovative way regarding environmental storm water regulations. We are proposing a self-auditing, self-reporting program with regulatory flexibility through EPA's XL Program.

The Port Authority views Project XL as an appropriate doorway to make this goal accessible. We propose to explore the opportunity through Project XL, and expect that a successful project would have transferability to other ports in the United States. The Port Authority is already a leader in environmental compliance, having won the first American Association of Port Authorities Comprehensive Environmental Program Award. We have received numerous requests from ports both nationally and internationally for copies of our program. An XL project such as that described above would have benefits for all US Ports.

Please accept this letter as our intent to work jointly with the EPA and our state agency to develop a Project XL Proposal.

We look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Very truly yours,

Martha Williams

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